

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 480 - HB 601

March 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces from 17 to four the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission. Requires all meetings and records of the Commission to be open to the public and requires judicial applicants to submit to criminal record checks. Requires the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals judges to be elected in their respective grand divisions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Exceeds \$18,000

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Administrative Office of the Courts has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- Reducing the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission from 17 to four members will result in a decrease in state expenditures. In FY06, expenditures for this Commission were \$23,657. A reduction of approximately 76 percent will result in a decrease of \$17,979.32 (\$23,657 x 76%).
- Requiring open meetings and judicial applicants to submit to criminal record checks will not have a fiscal impact on the judicial system.
- No significant fiscal impact from requiring election of judges by each grand division.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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